Sl. No.	Name of the proposed section(s)	State Govemmi	snt Status
10.	Daitari-Banspani		Work is in progress.
It.	Villupuram-Tiruchirappalli-Madurai	Tamil Nadu	Work is in progress.
12.	Madurai-Tuticorin	Tamil Nadu	Under examination.
13.	Madurai-Nagercoil	Tamil Nadu	Under examination.
14.	Shoranur-Mangalore	Kerala	Under examination.

Construction of rail track from Madhubani to Sitamarhi

t l675. SHRI MANGANILALMANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that survey work of construction of rail-tracks from Madhubani to Sitamarhi and *via* Jaynagar to Laukha upto Mahadev Math under East-Central Railway has been completed; and

if so, the details thereof and by when the construction work of this line would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, work of Sitarnarhi-Nirmali new broad gauge rail line (188 km.) *via* Jaynagar, Laukha Bazar at a cost of Rs. 678.62 crore has been proposed in Budget 2008-09. Another survey of Madhubani-Sitamarhi-Bairgania (163 km) new broad gauge rail line is under progress. The preliminary work of Sitarnarhi-Nirmali rail line would be taken up once Budget is passed by the Parliament.

Railway crossings

1676. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

the number of manned and unmanned railway crossings in the country, separately, State-wise and zone-wise;

the number of railway accidents that have occurred during the last three years at such level crossings;

whether many of these accidents have occurred due to the unmanned level crossings;

if so, the steps being taken to prevent the recurrence of such accidents and to convert unmanned level crossings to manned level crossings;

whether it is proposed to entrust the unmanned level crossings to private sector; and

if so, the details thereof alongwith terms and references thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) As on 01.04.2007, there were 16,778 manned and 17,966 unmanned level crossings (Excluding 'D' Class cattle crossings and canal crossings) in the country. State-wise and Zone-wise number is given in the Statement *(see* below).

(b) The number of railway accidents that have occurred at level crossings during the last three years is as under:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.